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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### WORK OF A RESIDENT NURSE IN A COLLEGE

DEAR EDITOR: In the June JOURNAL I saw an article on the work of a resident nurse in a college. I have recently accepted a position as resident nurse in a college for boys, four hundred and fifty in number, ranging from twelve to forty years in age.

The hospital department is on the second floor of the administration building. There are twelve beds in all, two baths, office, diet kitchen, dining room, sitting room for convalescents, two rooms for the nurse, housekeeper's room and dentist's office. There is no resident physician but one is called when needed.

The physician thinks that the nurse should have office hours. As no rules or regulations have been established in the past by the faculty, it is left to the nurse to do so. As this is my first experience in this line of nursing I should be very grateful if nurses who have had experience in such work would advise me through the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING as to the incumbent duties, authority and responsibility.

*Michigan.*

A. P.

### A CRITICISM OF NURSING STANDARDS IN ARIZONA

DEAR EDITOR: I often look through the JOURNAL for a word from Arizona, but in vain. It makes me wonder how many nurses here are missing the JOURNAL without which I would be lost and for which I have always felt a need in order to do my best work.

Since coming to Arizona I have felt great disappointment in the nursing standards which I find. I have been told that there are many nurses who are a discredit to the profession and I am surprised that the graduate and registered nurses submit to being classed with such. The doctors seem to have a poor impression of us and I have been told that they prefer to have a practical nurse whom they can instruct rather than some who claim to be graduate nurses.

I am only a stranger but I cannot stand aloof and see our profession degraded. I hope these few lines may bring the graduate nurses who have worked in this part of the West to unite and defend their rights and demand recognition from doctors and people.

*Arizona.*

A NURSE.

### TOWN AND COUNTRY NURSING SERVICE

DEAR EDITOR: The JOURNAL has always been so generous to Red Cross items, we again ask your aid in calling attention to our "Rural Service, which provides visiting nurses of high standing and ability for scattered dwellers in regions not reached by city organizations of nursing."

The demand for these nurses so far exceeds our present supply, circulars have been printed on the Town and Country Nursing Service, for distribution to train-